

If your doctor is a VFC doctor...

...you can get your child's shots in the doctor's office. If your doctor is not a VFC doctor, you can take your child to your local health department or to your health center clinic for these shots.



If you have questions on the VFC program, call your doctor or your local health department.



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Shots for your child



What is the Vaccines for Children program?

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program gives shots to children who qualify. The government pays for the shots, and the doctors and clinics agree to give the shots.



Why was the VFC program started?

The VFC program was started to make sure all kids get their shots. When children do not get their shots on time, they are not safe and they can get diseases. This program helps kids stay healthy by getting their shots on time.



Can my child get VFC shots?

Babies or children through age 18 years can get VFC shots if they:

- **are on Medicaid**
- **do not have health insurance**
- **are American Indian or Alaskan Native**
- **are under-insured***

**If your health insurance does not pay anything for shots, your child may be able to get VFC shots. Check with your doctor or your local health department.*

How much will I have to pay?

You will not have to pay for the shot, but you may be asked to pay a fee to the doctor for giving the shot. Talk to your doctor or nurse if you cannot afford the fee.

Where can I get VFC shots for my child?

Check with your doctor or local health department.

Which diseases can the VFC shots prevent?

- **Diphtheria**
- ***Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)**
- **Hepatitis A**
- **Hepatitis B**
- **Influenza (flu)**
- **Measles**
- **Meningococcal**
- **Mumps**
- **Pertussis (whooping cough)**
- **Pneumococcal disease**
- **Polio**
- **Rotavirus**
- **Rubella (German measles)**
- **Tetanus (lockjaw)**
- **Varicella (chickenpox)**

Some think these diseases no longer exist

They DO exist. But we do not see them very often now in the United States because kids are getting their shots. The only way to stop the spread of these diseases, and to keep our kids safe from them, is to make sure kids get all of their shots on time.